

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on April 9, 2003 at 8 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 155, 4/5/2003; SB 463, 4/5/2003;
SB 461, 4/5/2003; SB 473, 4/5/2003
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 461

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:00 **SEN. STORY, SD 12 -- Short Title:** Mitigate effects of
cyclical reappraisal.

Proponents' Testimony:

26:00 Kurt Alme, Department of Revenue
EXHIBIT (tah76a01)
36:00 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors
42:00 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association
45:00 Jim Stack, InvesTech Research
EXHIBIT (tah76a02)
51:00 Dr. Jim Pattison

Opponents' Testimony:

55:00 M. Dudley Mahler
EXHIBIT (tah76a03)
1:03:00 Brian McCullough
1:06:00 Gary Hastings
EXHIBIT (tah76a04)
1:14:00 Dick and Jan Hoefle
EXHIBIT (tah76a05)
1:17:00 Bruce Tate
1:21:00 John Van Norman, Vice-President Landlord Association of
Montana
1:24:00 Chuck Fricke
1:26:00 Matt Leon, MONT-PIRG
1:26:00 Ronda Carpenter, Montana Treasurers Association
1:28:00 Steve Brown, Brown Properties
1:28:00 Jo Mahler, Montana Residents for Fair Property Taxation
EXHIBIT (tah76a06)
1:29:00 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses
1:29:00 John Lasflo
1:30:00 Marlin Wilke
1:30:00 Rick Linenfelder
1:30:00 Dan Rader
1:30:00 Fred Sodomkra
1:30:00 Chris Christiaens, Montana Landlord Association
1:30:00 Ted Nyquest
1:31:00 Ray Hobble

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

1:31:00

1:45:00 Delores Cooney, Department of Revenue

Closing by Sponsor:

2:06:00

10:12 a.m. Break

10:21 a.m. Resume

HEARING ON SB 473

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:21:00 SEN. ELLIOT, SD 36 -- Short Title: Providing a
prescription drug expansion program under Medicaid.

EXHIBIT (tah76a07)

EXHIBIT (tah76a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

2:35:00 REP. ROBERTS, HD 10

EXHIBIT (tah76a09)

EXHIBIT (tah76a10)

2:41:00 Pat Callbeck Harper, AARP

EXHIBIT (tah76a11)

2:50:00 Verner Bertelson, Montana Senior Citizens Association

2:51:00 Betty L. Babcock, Former First Lady of Montana, CON-CON
Delegate

2:53:00 Claudia Clifford, Insurance Office

2:54:00 Bob Holmes

2:55:00 Linda Gryczan, Montana Womens Lobby

2:56:00 Boyer Fowler

2:58:00 Jani McCall, Deaconess Hospital, also representing Beda
Lovitt, Montana Medical Association, Montana
Psychiatric Association

2:58:00 Wally Melcher

EXHIBIT (tah76a12)

2:59:00 Chris Christiaens, Montana Association of Social
Workers

3:00:00 Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association

3:01:00 Jim Smith, Montana Pharmacy Association

3:02:00 Del Lonnquist, AARP

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

3:04:00 Jeff Buska, Department of Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:04:00

Closing by Sponsor:

3:07:00

EXHIBIT (tah76a13)

HEARING ON SB 463

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:12:00 **SEN. BLACK, SD 44 -- Short Title:** Reduce capital gains
for employee owned stock.

EXHIBIT (tah76a14)

Proponents' Testimony:

3:20:00 Aidan Myhre, Montana Chamber of Commerce

3:21:00 Andrew Field, PrintforLess.com

3:24:00 Jeff Davison, Vice President, Right Now Technologies

3:26:00 John O'Donnell, Technology Investment Center

3:29:00 Alicia Bradshaw, Gallatin Business Park

EXHIBIT (tah76a15)

3:29:00 Joe Mazurek, D.A. Davidson

Opponents' Testimony:

3:35:00 Gene Fenderson, Progressive Labor Caucus

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:37:00

EXHIBIT (tah76a16)

Closing by Sponsor:

3:55:00

HEARING ON SB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:00:00 **SEN. TAYLOR, SD 37 -- Short Title:** Clarify calculation
of Class 8 property tax rate reduction trigger.

Proponents' Testimony:

4:02:00 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses, also representing Aidan Myhre, Montana
Chamber of Commerce, and Mary Whittinghill, Montana
Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

4:03:00 Brad Simshaw, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:03:00

Closing by Sponsor:

4:05:00

EXHIBIT (tah76a17) [Handouts from Representative Lambert on SB
385]

EXHIBIT (tah76a18)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:07 P.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah76aad)